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SUBJECT: REMARKS AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

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1. EMBASSY'S DRAFT REMARKS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
DEPARTMENT HAS SLIGHTLY EDITED AND SHORTENED REMARKS
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT MY LETTERS
OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY
TO THE QUEEN OF AUSTRALIA AND AT THE SAME TIME TO PRESENT
THE LETTER OF RECALL WITH RESPECT TO MY DISTINGUISHED
PREDECESSOR AMBASSADOR JAMES W. HARGROVE.

I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN NAMED BY PRESIDENT
JIMMY CARTER TO BE HIS FIRST DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE
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TO AUSTRALIA. WHEN I VISITED WITH HIM BEFORE LEAVING THE
UNITED STATES FOR AUSTRALIA, HE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU HIS
PERSONAL GREETINGS AND TO ASSURE YOU AND THE AUSTRALIAN
PEOPLE THAT THE UNITED STATES PLACES VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE
ON THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES HAS GROWN
AND DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS. THIS IS NOT SURPRISING
EXCELLENCY SINCE THE RELATIONSHIP IS BASED ON A
SHARED LANGUAGE, A SIMILAR HERITAGE, AND A COMMON
FAITH. WE HAVE SIMILAR DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
AND WE SHARE COMMON IDEALS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS
AND PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD.

OVER THE YEARS OUR TIES HAVE GROWN STRONGER TEMPERED
BY WARS FOUGHT IN THE COMMON INTEREST AND BY DIFFICULT
TIMES. IN AMERICA WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE WORLD
WAR I VETERANS OF BELLEAU WOOD AND CHATEAU-THIERRY.
HERE ONLY RECENTLY ON ANZAC DAY YOU PAID YOUR RESPECTS,
NOT ONLY TO THE VETERANS OF GALLIPOLI BUT ALSO TO THOSE
OF TOBRUK IN WORLD WAR II. WE BOTH PAY OUR RESPECTS TO
THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC -- THE
CORAL SEA, NEW GUINEA, AND GUADALCANAL.

IN THIS INTERDEPENDENT WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE OUR TIES
HAVE BECOME INEXTRICABLE. OUR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL
RELATIONSHIPS ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO BOTH OUR
COUNTRIES. OUR CULTURAL TIES ARE CLOSE. YOUR CREATIVE
AND ACTIVE FELLOW CITIZENS OFTEN JOIN WITH OURS IN
A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. LAST YEAR, IN
OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR, THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET MADE A
GREAT IMPACT DURING ITS TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES AND
YOUR OPERATIC STARS AND YOUR POPULAR SINGERS ARE WELL
KNOWN THROUGHOUT MY COUNTRY. WE HAVE OTHER TIES, NOT
LEAST IN THE FIELD OF SPORT, AND I AM SURE THAT IN THE
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AMERICA CUP RACE OFF NEWPORT IN SEPTEMBER THE
AUSTRALIAN CHALLENGER WILL GIVE THE AMERICAN YACHT DE-
FENDING THE CUP "A GOOD GO".

OUR TWO COUNTRIES, EXCELLENCY, HAVE BEEN GREATLY
FAVORED IN THAT WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A LARGE SHARE
OF THE WORLD'S RICHES. I BELIEVE IT IS OUR COMMON
TASK TO MAXIMIZE THESE RICHES, NOT ONLY TO THE BENEFIT
OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS, BUT TO USE THEM AMONG THE PEOPLES
OF THE WORLD TO NURTURE AND PRESERVE LIBERTY, HUMAN
DIGNITY, AND SELF RESPECT. WE MAY SOMETIMES DISAGREE
ON SPECIFIC APPROACHES TO PROBLEMS -- WHETHER THEY BE
POLITICAL, SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC -- BUT I AM SURE THAT WE
WILL ALWAYS AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE IDEALS
WHICH ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR COMMON POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.
END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PREPARE DOUBLE-SPACED TEXT
OF REMARKS FOR DELIVERY.

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